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PRESIDENT: LB855 is passed notwithstanding the objection of the Governor. The Chair recognizes....excuse me..... okay, the Chair recognizes Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. Just a point of personal privilege right now. Very short.

PRESIDENT: State your point, Senator.

SENATOR BARNETT: Thank you from the Neihardt friends across the state. They certainly appreciate your effort.

CLERK: Mr. President, I move to return LB1028 to Select File for specific amendment. Signed, Senator Proud.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Mr. President. This is the anti-trust bill. I'm going to be brief. The amendment, the specific amendment would be that we strike sections 3 and 4 which have now been re-numbered as 3 and 4, they were 6 and 7. These were the Carpenter amendments adopted on Select File. There is a strong feeling here in the business community that they cannot live with the bill as written. It is my understanding that the committee or we adopt on the floor the recommendations of the Attorney General. And I believe that he has all the power he needs without these amendments. Now, I would have a different viewpoint on this if these amendments which materially change the bill had had a public hearing but they didn't. Now we meet next year and if the people who are in favor, really in favor, of those Carpenter amendments still want them, they can come back next year, within a matter of a few months really, and have the bill amended in that way. But I think with the complete lack of study that these amendments had, it would be very foolish for us to keep them on the bill. So I move that we return LB1028 to Select File for specific amendment.

PRESIDENT: Is there further discussion? Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: Now, Mr. President, this is just the attempt again, and Senator Proud is the boy to do it, in order to scuttle this bill in order to represent those people who are too often represented on this Body. I think I can say without fear of contradiction now the banks, they're opposed to it. Now I'm sure the rural districts in the state, they're opposed to it. Now, it's quite a demonstration of the power of a relative few people in order to take away the only protection that the people of this state have and the people are completely defenseless by the contents of this anti-trust bill. We had a demonstration the other day when the railroads had contacted most of the senators in this Body and they had enough persuasion. Not because of what you believe they did but because they asked you to do it in order to amend them out of the bill. Now it seemed to me to do the real thing, why don't Senator Proud offer an amendment to indefinitely postpone the bill? And quit fooling around with it by chopping it down by inches. He doesn't want the bill and the people he represents don't want the bill. And almost everyone in this establishment don't want the bill either. Now the other day Mr. McEniry who represents the United Chamber of Commerce, he was giving people the equivalent of a gold button like going to Sunday School for your good deed of the day. And you followed his power of suggestion knowing